Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gerry Davis began his employment with the Department of Labor (DOL) as an Employment Representative in Watertown, South Dakota, on May 25, 1965, and will retire with more than 45 years of public service to the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, After a transfer and several promotions, Gerry became the manager of the Benefits Section for the Unemployment Insurance Division in 1982, and has been responsible for processing unemployment claims filed by workers throughout South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Under Gerry's guidance, unemployment insurance claim processing has moved from a paper-based operation delivered in person at 19 field offices to the current highly automated system in which claims are handled through a single Call Center and the Internet. Thanks to Gerry's leadership, the Benefits Section has won many national awards; and,

Whereas, Gerry can always be counted on to dance at Christmas parties, take the back row seat at training meetings, and park in the first row, fourth parking space; and,

Whereas, Gerry started the Annual Watermelon Feed in 2005 and is the cook at DOL picnics where his culinary skills will be missed, but he will be able to spend more time with his wife, Donna, and their three children and nine grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Gerry has hired, trained, and mentored hundreds of employees during his career and is recognized as an expert in his field by his peers; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan, to honor and congratulate him as he retires:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2010, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his co-workers, family, and friends in congratulating him on this well-earned retirement and wishing him a long, healthy, peaceful, and enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State